

COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESPONSE

MINUTES

August 17, 2007

Attendees:

Dr. Lyle Noordhoek – Central Plains Laboratory
Brig Gen Deborah Rose – Adjutant General Department
Col. William Seck – Kansas Highway Patrol
Mindee Reece – Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Jaci Vogel – Kansas Department of Transportation
Dan Thompson – State Fire Marshal's Office
Jack Taylor – Fire Chief, City of Emporia
Shane Munsch – Astaris
Randy Duncan – Chairman, Sedgwick County Emergency Management

Members of public and support staff were in attendance

Members not in Attendance:

Ken Schremmer – Barton County Commission
Kevin Moles – Wolf Creek Generating Plant
Dick Heitschmidt – City of Hutchinson
Patricia Clark – Kansas Department of Commerce

Meeting

- Meeting opened at 10:10 AM
- Remarks from Committee Members and Introduction of Panel including new appointments
- Floor opened for public and committee comments – no remarks made
- Minutes from March 8, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved
 - Randy Duncan moved to approve minutes, Jack Taylor seconded, motion was passed
- Committee Reports:
 - LEPC Appointment Committee - Dan Hay
 - Motion from Dan Hay for LEPC appointments for Grant, Bourbon, Chase, and Cloud counties. LEPC appointments approved by Jack Taylor, Dan Thompson seconded, motion was passed.
 - Homeland Security Working Group Committee - Randy Mettner
 - Suggested expanding Homeland Security Working Group to including other state agencies and industries that were involved in disaster recovery centers.
- New Business
 - Regional Council and Exercise Update - Terri Ploger-McCool
 - 2006 Projects expenditures are underway - Deployable resources, Specialized response teams, Haz Mat training/equipment, Interoperable Communications,

Medical Surge, Citizen Preparedness, Planning, Training (specialized), Exercise, and Equipment (specialized)

- 2007 Projects – submissions are due by August 31, 2007 (Project improvements or continuations of 2006)
- Accomplishments have been better understanding of the process, Regionalization impacts / priorities, greater visibility of efforts / resources, Dedication / leadership, KC Metro – reorganized into multi-discipline council (27 members as of 03 Aug 07), and Statewide initiatives

○ State Training Updates - Paula Phillips

- Program focus is to provide quality training and educational opportunities that will increase and enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities local emergency managers need to be successful for their responsibilities in the areas of all-hazard mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery
- 2007-2008 Program goals – Improve the accountability of courses and activities conducted by the training program, Conduct an annual performance needs analysis, Enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of local emergency managers, Provide courses in each of the six emergency management regions, Improve the quality of the instructional delivery of courses provided by Kansas Emergency Management, Increase the visibility of the NPD/NIC Training & Education Division (TED) programs throughout the state and in all disciplines

○ Communication Interoperability Update - Jason Moses

- Jason Moses presented an update on the Statewide Interoperability planning process. We are in the process of establishing governance for the plan.
- Discussion on the Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant. The grant will provide Kansas with \$10.6 million in communications funding.
- Greensburg had communications problem and that was lack of training on equipment usage.
- Interoperability is 10% technology and 90% planning and training.
- The planning process should focus on communications issues, not grant funding.
- Interoperability issues will focus on both voice and data communications.
- Moses presented a draft charter establishing the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee and requested its adoption to establish a sub-committee. Jack Taylor asked if this replaces the prior State Communications Committee? Is this where we want to go and what we will do with the old.
- Floor opened for Motion to approve State Communication Group Charter & direct staff to bring back charters. Motion made by Jack Taylor and seconded by Dr. Lyle Noordhoek. Motion passed unanimously.

○ Disaster Update - Angee Morgan

- DR-1675-KS – Incident type is Severe winter storm with Incident period December 28 – 31, 2006. Date of the declaration was January 7, 2007.
- DR-1675-KS was for Public Assistance with 44 counties eligible.
- DR-1675-KS snow removal assistance – applicants choose the 48 hour time period for reimbursement. 11 Counties were eligible.
- Total estimate dollars for DR-1675-KS is \$362,830,951. Actual cost is \$364,273,720.
- DR-1699-KS incident period was May 4 – June 1, 2007. Date of declaration May 6, 2007 (reopening of incident period July 13, 2007).

- 40 counties eligible for Public Assistance for DR-1699, and 24 counties eligible for Individual Assistance with Low interest loans and/or grants to individuals and families who have unmet needs after insurance. We had 4,524 registrations for Individual Assistance.
 - Total estimate dollars for DR-1699-KS is \$56,462,596 and current to date is \$61,955,956.
 - DR-1711-KS incident period is June 26 through July 25, 2007. Date of declaration July 2, 2007
 - Public Assistance for DR-1711 21 counties are eligible (completing PDAs in Edwards and Pawnee). Individual Assistance 23 counties eligible for Low interest loans and/or grants to individuals and families who have unmet needs after insurance. We had 3,795 registrations for Individual Assistance.
 - Total estimate dollars for DR-1711-KS is \$24,897,076
- EMPG, SLA & Homeland Security Grant Funding Update - Cpt. Mark Bruce
 - EMPG – \$2.5 million – 1million salaries, 775,000 SLA, 600,000 State General Fund.
 - Rules on matching – 100%. EMPG 50% match (state or local funds)
- Meeting adjourned
 - Dr. Lyle Noordhoek moved that the meeting be adjourned; the motion was seconded by Dan Thompson and passed unanimously.